



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Instructions for Use--Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products--
Content and Format; Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry entitled “Instructions for Use--Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products--Content and Format.” This guidance provides recommendations for developing the content and format of an Instructions for Use (IFU) document for human prescription drug and biological products, as well as drug-led or biologic-led combination products submitted under a new drug application (NDA) or a biologics license application (BLA). The IFU is written for patients (or their caregivers) who use drug products that have complicated or detailed patient-use instructions. The recommendations in this guidance are intended to help ensure that patients receive clear and concise information that is easily understood for the safe and effective use of such products. This guidance finalizes the draft guidance issued on July 2, 2019, entitled “Instructions for Use--Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products and Drug-Device and Biologic-Device Combination Products--Content and Format.”

DATES: The announcement of the guidance is published in the *Federal Register* on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.
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Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2019-D-1615 for "Instructions for Use--Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products." Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as

“Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

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<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

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New Hampshire Ave., Hillandale Building, 4th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, or to the Office of Communication, Outreach and Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the guidance document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled “Instructions for Use--Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products--Content and Format.” The recommendations in this guidance are intended to help ensure that patients receive clear and concise information that is easily understood for the safe and effective use of such products and to help provide consistency to the content and format of IFU documents.

The IFU is a form of prescription drug labeling. For drugs for which self-administration may be complicated (such as requiring the patient to perform multiple steps to prepare, administer, store, and/or dispose of the drug), the IFU is intended to give directions that are clear and understandable for patients, and therefore, promote the safe and effective use of that drug. For example, IFUs may be appropriate for a drug product with one set of dosing instructions for adult patients and another set for pediatric patients. The IFU is developed by the applicant, reviewed and approved by FDA, and provided to patients when the drug product is dispensed.

This guidance finalizes the draft guidance entitled “Instructions for Use--Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products and Drug-Device and Biologic-Device Combination Products--Content and Format,” issued on July 2, 2019 (84 FR 31598). FDA considered comments received on the draft guidance as the guidance was finalized. Changes from the draft to the final guidance include a change in title in addition to editorial changes to improve clarity.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on “Instructions for Use--Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products--Content and Format.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

While this guidance contains no collection of information, it does refer to previously approved FDA collections of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521) is not required for this guidance. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by OMB under the PRA. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 201 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0572; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 314 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0001; and the collections of information in 21 CFR part 601 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0338.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the guidance at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information/guidances-drugs>, <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information->

biologics/biologics-guidances, <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>, or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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